its flood areas. Another area where unpaved streets exist is in the east central area of Kinston. Streets in this area include Sampson Street, Davis Street, Beasley Street and the west end of Harvey Street. Davis Street is divided by the A & C Railroad and the southeast section of the street (from Fields Street to Blount Street) has a right-of-way of less than 16 feet. This black residential area is characterized also by substandard dwelling units and small lot sizes. This area was at one time a railroad depot and an industrial shipping and loading area. Areas of Kinston that have streets with less than a 16 foot right-of-way are mainly located in the Central Business District and area southwest of King Street. This area southwest of King Street is characterized by mixed land uses, i.e., residential, trade, and manufacturing, substandard dwelling units, and undesirable land for urban type uses, due to the topography and its proximity to the Neuse River.

Currently within the City of Kinston there are 96.07 miles of streets. Of this total, 12.80 miles are unpaved, 12.62 miles are major highways or State maintained and 70.64 miles are paved and maintained by the City of Kinston. Also 1.25 miles of streets in Kinston have a right-of-way of 16 feet or less. This 1.25 mile category mainly consists of alleys.

The one mile planning area surrounding Kinston is composed of approximately 68.9 miles of highways and streets. Of the 68.9 miles approximately 11 miles are unpaved.